

Negroes Stage Big Demonstration In Winston

WINSTON-SALEM, May 10 (AP)—Approximately 200 Negroes staged mass demonstrations against segregation in downtown Winston-Salem today. Carl Matthews, a leader of the movement estimated the demonstrators at 300 and said 200 more were on their way from Atkins High School.

Most downtown variety stores had reopened their lunch counters this morning after they were closed when Negroes took seats at them Monday afternoon.

The Negro demonstrators—most of them apparently students from Winston-Salem Teachers College—gathered in East Winston and marched toward the courthouse square.

They reached Courthouse Square at 11:30 a.m. and were met by every available policeman in town and a few county officers. Radio calls sent virtually all police cars and motorcycles into the downtown area.

The Negro demonstrators arrived at the square in groups of about 25 (Police Chief James I. Waller had warned leaders of a demonstration in February that parades on city streets without a

permit were unlawful and that if one were held again the paraders would be arrested.)

A group of about 25 peeled away from the main body, entered the S. H. Kress and Co. basement, went up on the escalator and surrounded the lunch counter, which was quickly closed. Other groups jammed into Walgreen's drug store, where the counter was closed. One observer said he counted 83 in the crowd as it left Walgreen's.